

EIT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR STARTUPS

The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) aims to deliver innovation across Europe. It offers 50+ support programs dedicated to finding solutions to global challenges in such focus areas as:

CLIMATE

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

FOOD

HEALTH

ENERGY

RAW MATERIALS

URBAN MOBILITY

MANUFACTURING

CREATIVITY & CULTURE*

* Launched in 2022; information to follow.

EIT CLIMATE

HELPS INNOVATION TEAMS DEVELOP NEW IDEAS AND BUILD A NETWORK OF PARTNERS, AS WELL AS PROVIDES SEED FUNDING TO GET THE BUSINESS OFF THE GROUND.

FOCUS AREAS

URBAN TRANSITIONS

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	CLIMATE LAUNCHPAD	CLIMACCELERATOR
WHAT?	Business ideas competition & incubator for early-stage cleantech entrepreneurs.	Global, three-stage accelerator for startups developing climate-positive solutions.
FUNDING	€2,500–€10,000	€5,000–€20,000
OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ training ▪ mentorship ▪ coaching ▪ networking opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ coaching & mentoring ▪ access to a network of industry partners ▪ exposure to customers, partners, investors ▪ access to investment opportunities
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ business < 1 year old ▪ < €200,000 in total funding received ▪ products or solutions not being sold ▪ have not participated in the Climate-KIC Accelerator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ early to scaleup stage, <5 years old ▪ 2+ founders ▪ founders have >75% equity of the company ▪ scalable solution with high climate impact
APPLICATION	March	All year round

EIT DIGITAL

SUPPORTS NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL VENTURES, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES TO DRIVE EUROPE'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.

FOCUS AREAS

DIGITAL INDUSTRY

DIGITAL TECH

DIGITAL CITIES

DIGITAL WELLBEING

DIGITAL FINANCE

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	INNOVATION FACTORY	DIGITAL VENTURE PROGRAMME	EIT DIGITAL ACCELERATOR	EIT DIGITAL CHALLENGE
WHAT?	Support program for pan-European entrepreneurial teams building digital innovations.	Program taking entrepreneurs from idea to investment in <year.	Program helping digital deeptech startups raise VC & secure customers in Europe.	Pan-European competition for digital deeptech scaleups.
FUNDING	up to €250,000	up to €25,000	helps attract €2–€20 M	up to €150,000
OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> access to technology & talent guidance on business models channels to the market help with attracting investors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> help developing MVP help establishing deep-tech venture mentoring on business development support finding 1st investor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> network of 500+ corporate clients go-to-market & investment-readiness coaching investor meetings matchmaking & investor events access to talent, tech, workspace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> support raising series A or B year of international growth support (worth €50,000) coaching on go-to-market strategy access to network of 350+ European corporations, investors, unis, & more
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early stage solution team of 2-4 organizations from 2+ European countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> multidisciplinary team of 2+ people PoC or prototype stage non-legal entity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B2B or B2B2C product €300,000 annual revenue or €2M+ funds raised headquarters in the EU, the UK or Horizon Europe countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> startups with hard-to-reproduce digital solutions scaleup stage min. €300,000 in revenue or €2M in funding <10 years old based in EU27 or Horizon Europe Associated Countries
APPLICATION	All year round	February-April	All year round	September






EIT FOOD

SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS TO LAUNCH, ACCELERATE, AND SCALE AGRIFOOD BUSINESSES ACROSS EUROPE.

FOCUS AREAS

CIRCULAR FOOD SYSTEMS | **DIGITAL TRACEABILITY** | **PROTEIN DIVERSIFICATION**
SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE | **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE** | **TARGETED NUTRITION**

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	SEEDBED INCUBATOR	EIT FOOD ACCELERATOR NETWORK	RISINGFOODSTARS	FOODSPARKS® FUND
 WHAT?	6-month-long incubation program for individuals, scientists, & entrepreneurs solving complex food system challenges.	Accelerator for entrepreneurs and agrifood startups developing solutions for food system challenges.	Program for early agrifood scale-ups to support further growth.	Seed fund for European agrifood-tech startups.
 FUNDING	up to €6,000	up to 70% of the project costs (max. €600,000 for 12-month activity and €1.2M for 24-month activity)	n/a	€30M in total available for approx. 40 startups
 OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ business coaching ▪ access to the agrifood sector and experts in Europe ▪ chance to attract follow-on funding 	connections to corporate & research partners to pilot the technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ introductions to investors, corporates, academia, research organizations ▪ individual support to scale & raise investment ▪ international agrifood & startup events ▪ backing from a trusted network (Danone, Cambridge University, etc.) 	EIT Food community advice & mentoring
 CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ scientific or technological innovation ▪ established PoC ▪ if a startup: established in EU or associated countries ▪ if a team: one of founders is EU (or associated countries) citizen or resident ▪ max. 2 team members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ legal entities from the EU or states associated with Horizon Europe ▪ Technology Readiness Level (TLR) ≥5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SME (5-49 employees, < €10M turnover) ▪ recently raised Series A (or expect to raise within 6-12 months) ▪ have paying customers ▪ established in the EU or Horizon Europe countries ▪ not involved in other EIT Food Entrepreneurs programs ▪ ready to remain active in the RFS association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ based in Europe/EFTA and Israel ▪ protectable and scalable technology
 APPLICATION	January	January	January-February	All year round

EIT HEALTH

RUNS AN ACCELERATION PROGRAM FOR HEALTH TECH INNOVATORS AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR BUSINESS CREATION PROCESS.

FOCUS AREAS

MEDTECH

BIOTECH

DIGITAL HEALTH

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE	ACCESS TO STAKEHOLDERS	ACCESS TO MARKET	ACCESS TO FINANCE
WHAT?	A number of free & fee-based programs focused on knowledge sharing, coaching, and mentoring health tech startups.	A number of free & fee-based programs for startups, scaleups, and SMEs looking to collaborate with the top pharma companies.	Program “BridgeHead” helps health tech startups expand to new EU markets.	A number of free-of-charge programs for startups looking to scale, get investor-ready, and raise investment.
FUNDING	Programs with funding available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild Card (up to €1.5M) Innostarts Awards (€25,000) 	Programs with funding available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neurotechprize (up to €100,000) Beyond Rheum (undisclosed) 	€40,000 – €50,000 NOTE: PARTICIPATION FEE €500 APPLIES + €10,000 OF FUNDING MUST BE SPENT ON BRIDGEHEAD CATALYSER CATALOG SERVICES	n/a
OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> coaching & mentoring on business development, finances, investment, etc. supporting development, launch, and validation of technology EIT Health ecosystem network and healthcare industry experts and more. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> potential partners and expert knowledge of the EU health ecosystem help with setting up sales teams, developing pricing strategies, etc. visibility in the EIT Health ecosystem of 140+ partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mentoring, training, strategic guidance on raising investment the leading industry experts and investors in Europe and more
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> innovators or early to growth-stage startups residing in EU or Horizon Europe country NOTE: OTHER CRITERIA APPLY, SEE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from startups in the development stage to companies with TRL 5-9 residing in EU or Horizon Europe country (except Beyond Rheum – no geographical restriction) NOTE: OTHER CRITERIA APPLY, SEE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> global and Europe-based scaleups sell a product or services in at least one market in Europe (or outside of Europe if not registered in EU) <250 full-time employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early to late-stage startups, SMEs based in the EU NOTE: OTHER CRITERIA APPLY, SEE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.
APPLICATION	Differ by program	Differ by program	March	Differ by program

EIT INNOENERGY

SUPPORTS INNOVATORS AND STARTUPS BUILDING PRODUCTS
FOCUSED ON CATALYZING AND ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO
MORE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.

FOCUS AREAS

ENERGY TRANSITION

with a focus on reducing costs in the energy value chain, reducing CO₂ emissions, securing the operability of the energy system, and improving competitiveness

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	HIGHWAY	BOOSTWAY
 WHAT?	An acceleration program for startups with innovative products in the energy sector.	A support program for startups and SMEs in the growth phase looking to expand to new markets.
 FUNDING	up to €500,000	up to €500,000
 OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ training & mentoring ▪ access to R&D infrastructure ▪ expert board members ▪ pre-seed and seed funding opportunities, VCs, business angels, and public funding ▪ office space ▪ administrative and legal support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ coaching, mentoring and consulting ▪ access to R&D infrastructure ▪ support with product due diligence and patenting ▪ access to VCs and business angels, loans, and InnoEnergy funds ▪ grants from EIT for technology and team development ▪ support with product industrialization
 CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ proven prototype or PoC for an innovative product in the energy sector ▪ max. time to market and 1st revenues is two years ▪ looking for financing with equity partners ▪ willing to commit to a long-term relationship with InnoEnergy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ operating for >1,5 years ▪ annual revenues above €100,000 ▪ multi-customer portfolio ▪ full-time team
 APPLICATION	All year round	All year round

EIT RAWMATERIALS

SUPPORTS INNOVATIONS IN THE RAW MATERIALS SECTOR BY CONNECTING BUSINESSES WITH ACADEMIA, RESEARCH, AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

FOCUS AREAS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

RECYCLING

NEW MINERAL EXPLORATION

SUBSTITUTION OF CRITICAL & TOXIC MATERIALS IN PRODUCTS AND FOR OPTIMIZED PERFORMANCE

MINERAL & METALLURGICAL PROCESSES

FUTURE MINING

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	 WHAT?	 FUNDING	 OTHER SUPPORT	 CRITERIA	 APPLICATION
	RAWMATERIALS ACCELERATOR	BOOSTER CALL			
	<p>Acceleration program in three phases to help startups rapidly become suppliers to the EIT RawMaterials network.</p>	<p>Program that supports startups and SMEs developing products and services in the raw materials sector.</p>			
	<p>€10,000 - €80,000</p>	<p>up to €200,000</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ individual & group coaching ▪ workshops ▪ pitch training ▪ chance to attend events hosted by EIT RawMaterials or its partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ access to the EIT RawMaterials partner network and networking events ▪ visibility through EIT RawMaterials network channels 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ product at TRL 4 or above ▪ a team of 2+, working full time ▪ based in the EU or Horizon Europe countries ▪ not funded for the same activity by another KIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ established startup or SME ▪ focus on sustainable materials, circular societies, or responsible sourcing 			
	<p>September</p>	<p>April, June, September</p>			

EIT URBAN MOBILITY

SUPPORTS AND HELPS TO FUND GENDER-BALANCED START-UPS WITHIN URBAN MOBILITY.

FOCUS AREAS

ACTIVE MOBILITY

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS

FUTURE MOBILITY

ENERGY AND MOBILITY

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	ACCELERATION PROGRAMS	SME HUB	INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES
WHAT?	Five pan-European EU-funded programs with a focus on sustainable city logistics, urban air mobility, 5G, energy and public realm, and e-mobility.	EU-funded program supporting urban mobility startups with innovative solutions for city challenges.	Programs helping mobility startups become more investable, scalable, business-focused, and valuable.
FUNDING	€30,000 worth of services	€25,000 worth of services	up to €150,000
OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual business coaching & training mentoring by industry experts & experienced founders product & technology validation help with finding product-market fit, scaling, internationalization investor pitch coaching introductions to investors & VCs access to EIT Urban Mobility investment initiatives & funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual business coaching & training mentoring by industry experts & experienced founders access to the EIT Urban Mobility network and cities' innovation projects help with scaling, internationalization investor pitch coaching introductions to investors & VCs access to EIT Urban Mobility investment initiatives & funding mobility events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> access & introductions to corporate venturing firms, VCs access to EIT Urban Mobility Summit, networking days & matchmaking sessions access to EIT Urban Mobility networks expert training, mentoring and coaching
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> startups with scalable business models TRL 4-6 registered in EU or Horizon Europe countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> startups with scalable business models TRL 7-9 registered in EU or Horizon Europe countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> startups and scaleups within the urban mobility landscape <10 years old & <100 employees
APPLICATION	Differ by program		

EIT MANUFACTURING

SUPPORTS EUROPEAN INNOVATIONS THAT ENABLE GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING.

FOCUS AREAS

FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

LOW ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT SYSTEMS

DIGITAL & COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

HUMAN-MACHINE CO-WORKING

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	SWITCH ON	SUPERCHARGE	LEVEL UP
WHAT?	Program for early-stage startups addressing critical manufacturing pain points.	Program for scaleups in the manufacturing industry looking to accelerate their business.	Support program for SMEs to transform their operations and improve competitiveness.
FUNDING	€150,000	€300,000	up to €150,000
OTHER SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> coaching and mentoring access to VCs, European institutions, and other early-stage funding opportunities support in strategic development, marketing, accessing new markets IP management services industry events 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> technology scouting pre-study feasibility assessment of the project assistance for project conceptualization, facilitation & implementation
CRITERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> proven prototype or PoC (min. TRL 6) recently or soon-to-be established legal entity no or low commercial revenue entrepreneurial team of 2+ members at least one co-founder is a resident of EU or Horizon Europe country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> meaningful customer traction > 1 in operation full-time team headquarters in EU or Horizon Europe country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SME (<250 employees, < €50M turnover, and/or annual balance sheet < €4M) headquarters in EU or Horizon Europe country significant presence in other EU or Horizon Europe countries (commercial presence >20% of company's sales & industrial presence >20% of company's workforce)
APPLICATION	All year round		

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AND GET IN TOUCH IF YOU NEED ANY HELP!

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